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Official meetings

Friday, 24 September 2004

Security Council

10 a.m. *(sharp)* . . . . . 5043rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Africa

   Briefing by the President of Nigeria and current Chairman of the African Union[1]

[1] His Excellency President Olusegun Obasanjo will focus on recent developments in Africa, including the Abuja Peace Process on Darfur, Sudan.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1544th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 9th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo De Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, President of the Azerbaijani Republic
4. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadine and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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Address by His Excellency The Honourable Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Fiji Islands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Carib Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Maatia Toafa, Acting Prime Minister of Tuvalu

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister and Minister of Labour of Antigua and Barbuda

Bahrain

Republic of Korea

Singapore

Islamic Republic of Iran

3 p.m. 10th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tuila'epa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Address by His Excellency Dr. Ayad Allawi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq

Luxembourg

Egypt

Norway

Liechtenstein

Saint Lucia

Kazakhstan

Cuba

Mexico

Yemen

Belgium

Venezuela

Poland

Iceland

Ecuador

Angola

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. World Food Programme
2. Draft report

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. UNDP: Country programmes and related matters (DP/2004/43, DP/2004/44, DP/DCP/MUS/1, DP/DCP/PRK, DP/DCP/KOR/1 and DP/DCP/GTM/1) . . . . . [5]
2. Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment: Internal audit and oversight (DP/2004/CRP.8 and DP/FPA/2004/CRP.5) . . . . . [12]
3. Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board Meeting (DP/2004/CRP.9 and DP/FPA/2004/CRP.6) . . . . . [14]
4. UNDP: Evaluation (DP/2004/40, DP/2004/41 and DP/2994/42) . . . . . [4]
5. Other matters (pending decisions) . . . . . [13]
6. Organizational matters (DP/2004/CRP.7) . . . . . [1]

[There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Other meetings

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Friday, 24 September 2004

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Contact Group on Sierra Leone (at the ministerial level)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Contact Group on Somalia (at the ministerial level)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Rio Group Troika — Russian Federation *(ministerial meeting)*

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Rio Group Troika — European Union *(ministerial meeting)*

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Rio Group Troika — India *(ministerial meeting)*

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Non-Aligned Movement *(Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Troika)*

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Panel presentation on the state of governance in Malawi

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Malawi and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), announces that a panel presentation on the state of governance in Malawi will take place *today*, 24 September 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Malawi, H.E. The Hon. Dr. George Chaponda MP, will deliver the keynote address. Professor Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Professor of African Studies and History at Pennsylvania State University, will be the lead discussant. The panel presentation will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Brown Chimphamba, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations, and Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary General and High Representative. Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP, will make a statement.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 24 September 2004

Room S-226

11.15 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc (Romania), Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) (on the work of the Committee)
Guest at 12 noon	Mr. Palitha Kohona, Chief of the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (on the treaty event "Focus 2004: Treaties on the protection of civilians")
12.45 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos Cuyaube, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain
7 p.m.	Mr. Hatsuhisa Takashima, Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of Japan

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 27 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. 11th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dato' Seri Haji Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Syrian Arab Republic

China

Indonesia

Philippines

Saudi Arabia

Oman

Uzbekistan

Jamaica

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Mongolia

3 p.m. . . . . 12th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Cambodia

Turkmenistan

Barbados

Jordan

Thailand

Guinea

Ukraine

Côte d'Ivoire

Kenya

Viet Nam

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its first organizational meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/59/CRP.1).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 4 October, to Friday, 15 October 2004. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Ms. Cherub Nicholls (room S-2977M; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Cheryl Stoute, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items; Organization of work (A/C.4/59/1[1], A/C.4/59/L.1[1], A/C.4/59/INF/1[1], Aide-mémoire 1/04[2]); and Requests for hearing (item 20).

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 4 October (see document A/C.4/59/L.1[1]) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Third Committee will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open on the basis of the draft programme of work of the Committee (A/C.3/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m.

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee, will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the proposed organization of work for the session, based on the allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/59/1)[1], as well as the status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/59/L.1)[1].

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Fifth Committee (room S-2633; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

[1] To be issued.

Sixth Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Sixth Committee will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Landlocked Developing Countries *(Fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting)*

The Fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries will be held on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)* will be held on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)*

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 will be held on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)*

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Rio Group Troika — Gulf Cooperation Council *(ministerial meeting)*

The Rio Group Troika will hold a ministerial meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Rio Group Troika — China *(ministerial meeting)*

The Rio Group Troika will hold a ministerial meeting with China on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

African Group *(Fifth Committee matters)*

A meeting of the African Group *(Fifth Committee matters)* will be held on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) *(ministerial meeting)*

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will hold a ministerial meeting on Tuesday, 28 September 2004 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 15 *(meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)*

There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 15, under the chairmanship of Algeria, on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Organization of the Islamic Conference *(Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)*

The Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs will be held on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Eastern European Group *(Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 29 September 2004 from 9 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Informal consultations convened by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Consultations with non-governmental organizations

There will be consultations with non-governmental organizations, convened by Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on the follow-up to Security Council resolution 1539, with focus on the establishment of systematic monitoring and reporting mechanisms, on Wednesday, 29 September 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. A background note is available for pick-up in room S-3161.

Consultations with Third Committee delegates (at the expert level)

There will be consultations with Third Committee delegates *(at the expert level)*, convened by Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on the establishment of a monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict, on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. A background note is available for pick-up in room S-3161.

Briefing on the Electronic Meetings Planning and Resource Allocation System (eMeets)

Further to the Note Verbale sent to all Permanent Missions on 2 August 2004 and the briefing held on 27 August 2004, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will hold a briefing for delegations, on the use of the Electronic Meetings Planning and Resource Allocation System (eMeets) for the electronic submission, processing and tracking of reservations for conference facilities, on Friday, 1 October 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. For further information, please contact the Meetings Control Section, Central Planning and Coordination Service, DGACM (tel. 1 (212) 963-6540).

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 October, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 30 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between *today*, 24 September, and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-1942; room S-3420I).

Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

Live webcast of the general debate of the fifty-ninth session

The general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand (in English and original language), until Friday, 1 October 2004, at the following address: www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations, chaired by Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former president of Brazil, is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/reform.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 23 September 2004

Security Council

5042nd meeting (closed)

The situation in Burundi

Briefing by the President of Burundi

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 5042nd meeting, held in private on 23 September 2004, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Burundi.'

"His Excellency Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, the distinguished President of the Republic of Burundi, was invited, in response to his request, to participate in the discussion, in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye.

"Members of the Council and President Ndayizeye had a constructive exchange of views."

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

7th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana

H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, addressed the General Assembly.

General Debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India; H.E. Mr. Joschka Fischer, Deputy Federal Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Silvan Shalom, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; H.E. The Honourable Albert Shabangu, Deputy Prime Minister of Swaziland; H.E. Mr. Petros Molyviatis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H.E. The Honourable Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Michel Barnier, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; and H.E. Mr. Morshed Khan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

8th plenary meeting

The summary of the 8th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/186).

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 23 September 2004

Convention on the Right of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

987th–988th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Kyrgyzstan (CRC/C/104/Add.4). In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Accession: Solomon Islands (23 September 2004)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Andorra (23 September 2004)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Andorra (23 September 2004)[1]

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Andorra (23 September 2004)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Burundi (23 September 2004)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Poland (23 September 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Slovenia (23 September 2004)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Slovenia (23 September 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Slovenia (23 September 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Slovenia (23 September 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Ratification: Slovenia (23 September 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Austria (23 September 2004)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Austria (23 September 2004)[1]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Tunisia (23 September 2004)[1]

Treaty Event
Focus 2004: Treaties on the protection of civilians
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place until *today*, 24 September 2004, at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (http://untreaty.un.org). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place until *today*, 24 September 2004, at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions, and Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrlls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (http://untreaty.un.org). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event
Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place until *today*, 24 September 2004, during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembé 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations were also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

UNEP Chemicals
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
11-13, Chemin des Anémones
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Tel. (+41 22) 917-8184
Fax. (+41 22) 797-3460
E-mail: esobakina@unep.ch

Other announcements

Briefing on the training programme of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct a briefing on its training programme on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the training room of the Library (room L-270, 2nd floor of the Library Building). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. The programme is posted at www.un.org/depts/dhl/training/trainingsampler.pdf. Course descriptions can be found at www.un.org/depts/dhl/training/dhltrain.htm. For further information, please contact the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (e-mail dhluss@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7412).

Panel discussion on "WTO and the challenges for trade-led growth" (organized by the United Nations University)

There will be a panel discussion on "WTO and the challenges for trade-led growth", organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York, will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Stand-by Arrangements with Ecuador

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Stand-by Arrangements with Ecuador will take place on Wednesday, 29 September 2004, at 12 noon. in room S-3727A.

General information

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